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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED DATE OF CONTENT 21 March to 19 April 1950

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DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 8 June 1950

REFERENCES _____

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REMARKS _____

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1. Motor vehicles from the Kraftfahrzeug Kaserne and Pionier Kaserne, Rathenow (N 53/Z 15), left for an unidentified destination during the night of 21 March 1950. Soviet soldiers said the units went to Altengrabow (M 53/Z 00).

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2. A employed in the barracks stated that the artillery units in the Infanterie Kaserne were slated to leave for Altengrabow in early May 1950.

3. Documents bearing were found in the Kraftfahrzeug Kaserne and documents bearing and a copy-book were found in the Infanterie Kaserne and Pionier Kaserne on 21 March 1950.

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4. Trucks at the Kraftfahrzeug Kaserne:

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5. a. Documents were found near the barracks at the northern railroad station on 12 April 1950.

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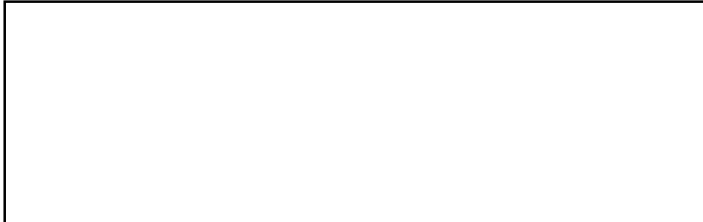
6. Passenger cars [redacted] trucks
[redacted] and caterpillar tractors [redacted] (towing three guns of about 120 mm caliber) were seen at the barracks.

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7. Fifty-two guns were seen in three storage sheds of the barracks on the road to Semlin. The guns were of about 80 to 120 mm caliber.

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9. Two guns, allegedly 76.2-mm field guns, were loaded on each of six flatcars; trucks, including [redacted] on eight flatcars, and about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia on four boxcars at the Rathenow-Werd railroad station between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 19 April 1950. The train was still seen at the railroad station at 7 p.m. It was to go to Brandenburg, [redacted]

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10. Identification of documents:

a. Documents found as described in para. 3:

Fragment of a letter addressed to a soldier [redacted] dated 13 February 1950, examined by Censorship Office [redacted]

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Fragment of a letter addressed to a soldier [redacted] dated 26 September 1949,

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Copy-book with immaterial ballistic notes and an unmailed letter dated 1 March 1950, in which the writer states that troops are not granted town leave and that he does not expect to go on furlough before 1953.

Envelope addressed to a soldier of
postmarked 28 February 1950,
examined by Censorship Office

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Fragment of a letter addressed to a soldier dated 3 January 1950, examined by Censorship Office

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Fragment of a postcard bearing notes on artillery pieces (recoil brake, etc.).

Documents found as described in para.5:

Envelope addressed to a soldier
postmarked 2 March 1950.

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Envelope addressed to a soldier
postmarked 26 February 1950.

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Comment: In 1949 also the artillery components of the IV Arty Corps held their record firing in Altengrabow. The information on the Rathenow units going to Altengrabow is therefore given credence. were previously reported from Rathenow and belong to artillery units of the IV Arty Corps. was also repeatedly reported from Rathenow but is probably assigned to a signal unit.

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